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2. This REPORT consists of a total of 3 sheets, including this cover sheet.

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a. ☒ (*sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau*) a total of 26 sheets, as follows:

☒ sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions).

☐ sheets which supersede earlier sheets, but which this Authority considers contain an amendment that goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed, as indicated in item 4 of Box No. I and the Supplemental Box.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. II | Priority |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. III | Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. IV | Lack of unity of invention |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Box No. V | Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement |
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Box No. I Basis of the report**1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:**

- ☒ The international application in the language in which it was filed
- ☐ A translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1 (b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4(a))
- ☐ international preliminary examination (Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):

- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* **1 - 20** received by this Authority on **17 November 2005** with the letter of **17 November 2005**
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____ with the letter of _____
- ☒ the claims:
- pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
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3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
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International application No.

PCT/AU2005/000075

Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

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| Novelty (N) | Claims 1 - 31 | YES |
| | Claims | NO |
| Inventive step (IS) | Claims 1 - 31 | YES |
| | Claims | NO |
| Industrial applicability (IA) | Claims 1 - 31 | YES |
| | Claims | NO |

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Novelty (N) and Inventive Step (IS)

Documents cited in the International Search Report:

D1) US 4748872

D2) US 6050989

These documents represent the background art.

Claims 1 - 31 relate to a multidirectional transmission for a rotary hand tool. These claims are novel when compared with the documents D1 - D2 because none of these documents teaches all the essential features of the invention, in particular, an intermediate shaft rotationally coupled between the drive shaft and the driven shaft via at least two universal joints. This arrangement provides a wider adjustable range of angles when compared with that of the tools disclosed in D1 and D2.

Therefore the invention defined in claims 1 - 31 is novel and is considered to involve an inventive step.